



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : ABDALLAH, D. et al.

TITLE : REINFORCED PLY MATERIAL WITH
UNTWISTED JETS OF STEEL
MONOFILAMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

Applicant submits the present Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This RCE addresses the issues raised in the final Office Action dated December 10, 2004 issued in connection with the above-referenced application ("subject application").

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, if the prosecution of the application is closed, an applicant may request continued examination of an application by filing a submission and the fee set forth in 1.17(e) prior to the abandonment of the application. An amendment is an acceptable submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). Applicant also submits a request for a two-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to the final Office Action to May 10, 2005.

Accordingly, this submission, filed within six months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, is timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows: